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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities: E-Verify Program Data Collections.

New Information Collection; Comment Request.

Action: 60-Day Notice.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice is published in the <u>Federal Register</u> to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until [Insert date 60 days from date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Laura Dawkins, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140. Comments may be submitted to DHS via e-mail at uscisfrcomment@dhs.gov and must include OMB Control Number 1615-NEW in the subject box. Comments may also be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.Regulations.gov under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2012-0017.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.Regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of www.Regulations.gov.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

- (1) **Type of Information Collection:** New information collection.
- (2) **Title of the Form/Collection:** E-Verify Program Data Collections.

- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of

 Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: No Agency Form Number; File OMB69; USCIS.
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:

 Primary: Business or private sector. The E-Verify Data Collections evaluation is
 necessary in order for USCIS to obtain data from employers and workers in anticipation
 of the enactment of mandatory state and/or national employment eligibility verification
 programs for all or a substantial number of employers nationwide.
- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:
 - Business/Private Sector: 135 respondents averaging 2 hours per response; plus
 - Individual/Households: 400 respondents averaging 1 hour per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:

670 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: www.Regulations.gov.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140, telephone number 202-272-8377.

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